

The lower Gila River near Dome, Arizona.

The Colorado - Lower Gila Watershed

This watershed is defined by the Colorado River drainage area within Arizona from Hoover Dam (at Lake Mead) to the Mexico border near Yuma, excluding the Bill Williams River and the Gila River above Painted Rocks Dam.

Land ownership is divided approximately as: 1% private land, 6% state land, 89% federal land, and 4% Tribal lands. Except for communities along the Colorado River (Yuma, Bullhead City, Lake Havasu City), most of this 14,459 square mile watershed is sparsely populated with only 187,700 people (2000 census). Due in part to the sparse population, six wildlife refuges and three wilderness areas have been established in this watershed, along with several military bases with live-fire exercise areas. All of these have restricted land uses. Tribal and private land along the lower Colorado River and lower Gila River is intensively cultivated. Open grazing occurs across the watershed.

Elevations range from 5,450 feet (above sea level) in the mountains near Lake Mohave to 80 feet along the Colorado River as it enters Mexico; therefore, the area contains low desert fauna and flora, including warmwater aquatic communities where perennial waters exist. Perennial water is limited to the Colorado River mainstem, with irrigation return flow providing perennial flow in the Gila River near Yuma.

The assessment – Assessments were completed for only six stream reaches and five lakes in this watershed. Of the 143 stream miles assessed, zero miles were attaining all uses and 69 miles (two reaches) were impaired. Of the 29,557 lake acres assessed, none were assessed as attaining all uses and 185 acres (one lake) were assessed as impaired. All others were inconclusive or attaining some uses.

A watershed assessment map follows on the next page, illustrating stream and lake assessments by category. The Colorado-Lower Gila **monitoring table** (**Table 9**) following the map summarizes the water quality data used in the assessment. It is followed by the **assessment table** (**Table 10**), which bridges current assessments with past assessments and impaired water identification. Important to note in this table are comments regarding previous 303(d) lists (what has been added and removed), category designations (1 through 5), references to potential actions by EPA, and status of TMDLs.

More detailed information on how to use these tables can be found at the beginning of this chapter (p. IV-1). Information about assessment methods and criteria can be found in Chapter III.

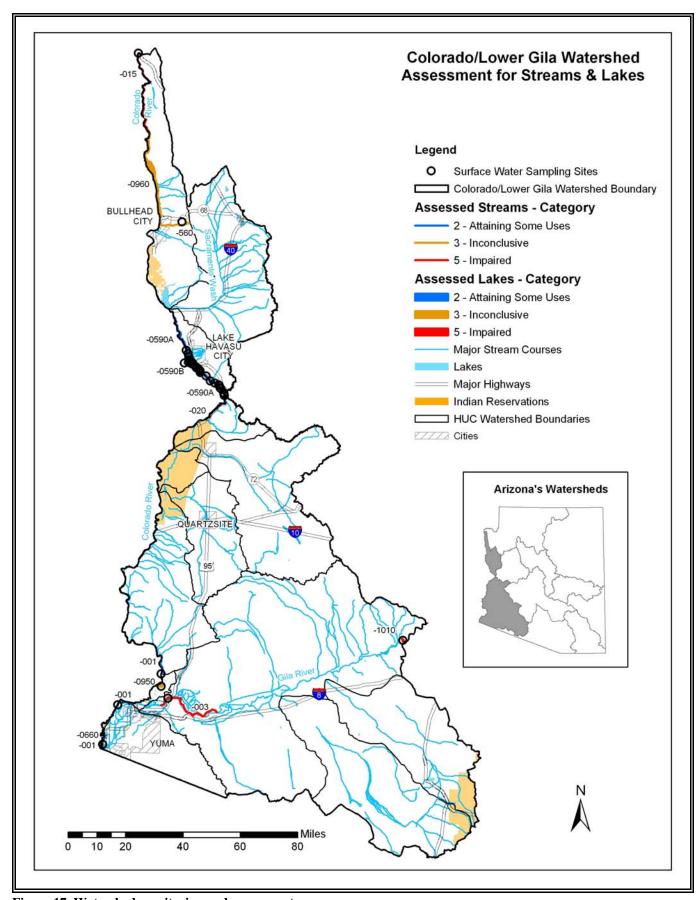


Figure 17. Watershed monitoring and assessments

STREAM NAME	AGENCY AND PROGRAM		EXCEEDANCE OF STANDARDS BY SITE						
SEGMENT WATERBODY ID	SITE DESCRIPTION SITE CODE	NUMBER AND TYPE OF	PARAMETER	STANDARDS B	RANGE OF	FREQUENCY	DESIGNATED	COMMENTS	
DESIGNATED USES	ADEQ DATABASE ID	SAMPLES	UNITS	DESIGNATED USE	RESULTS	EXCEEDED	USE SUPPORT	O MINIEL TO	
STREAM MONITORING D	ATA								
Colorado River Hoover Dam - Lake Mohave AZ15030101-015 A&Wc, FC, FBC, DWS, AgI, AgL	USGS Station 09421500 Below Hoover Dam CMCLR243.26	1998 - 5 partial suites 1999 - 6 partial suites 2000 - 6 partial	Dissolved oxygen mg/L	>7.0 (90% saturation) (A&Wc)	6.6 - 9.0 (66 - 91%)	2 of 26			
		suites 2001 - 5 partial suites 2002 - 3 partial suites	Selenium (dissolved) µg/L	2.0 (A&Wc chronic - total)	<2.0 - 3.0	4 of 26		Dissolved selenium data compared to total selenium standards.	
	Summary Row A&Wc Impaired FC Inconclusive	1998-2002 25 sampling events	Dissolved oxygen mg/L	>7.0 (90% saturation) (A&Wc)	6.6 - 9.0 (66 - 91%)	2 of 25	Attaining	USGS collected 25 samples in 1998-2002. Assessed as "impaired" due to selenium exceedances.	
	FBC Inconclusive DWS Inconclusive AgI Inconclusive AgL Inconclusive		Selenium (dissolved) µg/L	2.0 (A&Wc chronic - total)	<2.0 - 3.0	4 of 26 samples 4 of 26 events	Impaired	Also placed on the Planning List due to missing core parameters: Escherichia coli total arsenic, total boron, total fluoride, and total metals (chromium, copper, lead, manganese, and mercury).	
Colorado River Bill Williams R Osborne Wash AZ15030104-020 A&Ww, FC, FBC, DWS, AgI, AgL	USGS Fixed Station Station #09427520 Below Parker Dam CMCLR127.02	1998 - 6 full suites 1999 - 5 full suites 2000 - 5 full suites 2001 - 4 full suites 2002 - 4 full suites	Selenium (total) µg/L	2.0 (A&Wc chronic)	1.0 - 4.8	1 of 20		Lab reporting limits for 4 other selenium samples were too high to use results for assessment.	
	Summary Row A&Ww Inconclusive FC Attaining FBC Attaining DWS Attaining AgI Attaining AgL Attaining	1998 - 2002 24 sampling events	Selenium (total) µg/L	2.0 (A&Wc chronic)	1.0 - 4.8	1 of 20 events	Inconclusive	USGS collected 24 samples in 1998-2002. Assessed as "attaining some uses" and placed on the Planning List due to selenium exceedance.	
Colorado River Indian Wash - Imperial Dam AZ15030104-001 A&Ww, FC, FBC, DWS, AgI, AgL	USGS Fixed Station Station #09429490 Above Imperial Dam CMCLR029.79 100752	1998 - 5 partial suites 1999 - 5 partial suites 2000 - 6 partial suites 2001 - 2 partial suites 2002 - 4 full suites	Suspended sediment concentration mg/L	80 (geo mean) (A&Ww)	8 - 559	Geo means: 1998 = 96 1999 = 27 2000 = 20		Maximum base flow was calculated to be 19,100 cfs based on 30 years of flow data. Insufficient data to calculate a geomean for SSC in 2001 and 2002.	
•	Summary Row A&Ww Inconclusive FC Attaining FBC Attaining DWS Attaining AgI Attaining AgL Attaining	1998 - 2002 22 sampling events	Suspended sediment concentration mg/L	80 (geo mean) (A&Ww)	8 - 559	1 of 3 annual geo. means	Inconclusive	US Geological Survey collected 22 samples in 1998-2002. Assessed as "attaining some uses" due to SSC exceedance.	

	TABLE 9. COLORADO - LOWER GILA WATERSHED 2004 ASSESSMENT MONITORING DATA								
STREAM NAME SEGMENT	AGENCY AND PROGRAM SITE DESCRIPTION	YEAR SAMPLED NUMBER AND TYPE OF SAMPLES	EXCEEDANCE O	EXCEEDANCE OF STANDARDS BY SITE					
WATERBODY ID DESIGNATED USES	SITE CODE ADEQ DATABASE ID		PARAMETER UNITS	STANDARD DESIGNATED USE	RANGE OF RESULTS	FREQUENCY EXCEEDED	DESIGNATED USE SUPPORT	COMMENTS	
Colorado River Main Canal - Mexico border	USGS Fixed Station Station #09522000 At Mexico boundary	1998 - 5 full suites 1999 - 3 full + 2	DDE μg/L	0.001 (FC, AgI, AgL)	<0.006 - 0.476	1 of 23			
AZ15030107-001 A&Ww, FC, FBC, DWS, AgI, AgL	Upstream of Morelos Dam CMCLR015.85 100744	partial suites 2000 - 5 full + 2 partial suites 2001 - 4 full + 2		0.02 (A&Ww chronic)		1 of 23			
		partial suites 2002 - 4 full + 2 partial suites		0.1 (DWS)		1 of 23			
			Dieldrin μg/L	0.002 (A&Ww chronic & DWS)	<0.001 - 0.630	1 of 23			
				0.0001 (FC)		1 of 23			
				0.09 (FBC)		1 of 23			
			Dissolved oxygen mg/L	>6.0 (90% saturation) (A&Ww)	5.0 - 11.0 (63 - 105%)	4 of 29			
			Hexachlorocyclo- hexane alpha (BHC) μg/L	0.006 (DWS)	<0.002 - 0.617	1 of 23			
				0.01 (FC)		1 of 23			
			µg/L Suspender sediment		0.22 (FBC)		1 of 23		
				Selenium (total) μg/L	2.0 (A&Ww chronic)	1.0 - 3.0	1 of 21		
				concentration	80 (geo mean) (A&Ww)	5.0 - 398	Geo means: 1998 = 128 1999 = 53 2000 = 18 2001 = 14 2002 = 12		Maximum base flow was calculated to be 6460 cfs based on 30 years of flow data.
	Summary Row	1998 - 2002	DDE μg/L	0.001 (FC, AgI, AgL)	<0.006 - 0.476	1 of 23	Attaining	USGS collected 29 samples in 1998-2002. Assessed as "attaining some uses" and	
A&Ww Inconclusive FC Attaining FBC Attaining DWS Attaining AgI Attaining AgL Attaining	FC Attaining FBC Attaining	29 sampling events		0.02 (A&Ww chronic)	<0.006 - 0.476	1 of 23 events	Inconclusive	placed on the Planning List due to DDE, dieldrin, SSC, and selenium exceedances	
	Agl Attaining			0.1 (DWS)	<0.006 - 0.476	1 of 23	Attaining		
			Dieldrin μg/L	0.002 (A&Ww chronic)	<0.001 - 0.630	1 of 23 events	Inconclusive		
				0.002 (DWS)	<0.001 - 0.630	1 of 23 events	Attaining		

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STREAM NAME SEGMENT	AGENCY AND PROGRAM SITE DESCRIPTION	YEAR SAMPLED NUMBER AND	EXCEEDANCE (OF STANDARDS B	Y SITE			
WATERBODY ID DESIGNATED USES	SITE CODE ADEQ DATABASE ID	TYPE OF SAMPLES	PARAMETER UNITS	STANDARD DESIGNATED USE	RANGE OF RESULTS	FREQUENCY EXCEEDED	DESIGNATED USE SUPPORT	COMMENTS
				0.0001 (FC)	<0.001 - 0.630	1 of 23	Attaining	
				0.09 (FBC)	<0.001 - 0.630	1 of 23	Attaining	
			Dissolved oxygen mg/L	>6.0 (90% saturation) (A&Ww)	5.0 - 11.0 (63 - 105%)	4 of 29	Attaining	
			BHC µg/L	0.006 (DWS)	<0.002 - 0.617	1 of 23	Attaining	
				0.01 (FC)	<0.002 - 0.617	1 of 23	Attaining	
				0.22 (FBC)	<0.002 - 0.617	1 of 23	Attaining	
			Selenium (total) µg/L	2.0 (A&Ww chronic)	1.0 - 3.0	1 of 21 events	Inconclusive	
			Suspended sediment concentration mg/L	80 (geo mean) (A&Ww)	5.0 - 398	1 of 5 annual geo. means	Inconclusive	
Colorado River, <u>unnamed</u> <u>tributary</u> near Thumb Butte headwaters - Colorado River AZ15030101-560	USGS Near Thumb Butte CMUW1009.90 101598	2001 - 1 partial suite	No exceedances					
A&We, PBC	Summary Row	2001	No exceedances					Insufficient monitoring data to assess.
	A&We Inconclusive PBC Inconclusive	1 sampling event						
Gila River Coyote Wash - Fortuna Wash AZ15070201-003	ADEQ and USGS Fixed Station Near Dome,	1998 - 4 full suites 1999 - 5 full suites 2000 - 4 full suites	Boron (total) μg/L	1000 (AgI)	100 - 1500	5 of 20		
A&Ww, FC, FBC, AgI, AgL	USGS #09520500 LGGLR005.76 100455	2001 - 4 full suites 2002 - 3 full suites	Dissolved oxygen mg/L	6.0 (90% saturation) (AW&w)	3.2 - 11.8 (40 - 114%)	3 of 18		Two of the dissolved oxygen exceedances occurred during low flow conditions.
			Selenium (total) μg/L	2.0 (A&Ww chronic)	<5 - 9.2	5 of 20		
	Summary Row A&Ww Impaired FC Attaining FBC Attaining AgI Impaired AgL Attaining	Impaired 20 sampling Attaining events Impaired	Boron (total) μg/L	1000 (AgI)	100 - 1500	5 of 20	Impaired	ADEQ collected 20 samples in 1998-2002. Assessed as "impaired" due to boron and selenium exceedances.
			Dissolved oxygen mg/L	6.0 (90% saturation) (A&Ww)	3.2 - 11.8 (40 - 114%)	3 of 18	Attaining	Communication of the communica
			Selenium (total) µg/L	2.0 (A&Ww chronic)	<5 - 9.2	5 of 20 events	Impaired	

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	SITE DESCRIPTION SITE CODE ADEQ DATABASE ID	TYPE OF SAMPLES	PARAMETER UNITS	STANDARD DESIGNATED USE	RANGE OF RESULTS	FREQUENCY EXCEEDED	DESIGNATED USE SUPPORT	COMMENTS
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Hunter's Hole (Colorado River backwater) AZL15030108-0660	AGFD Ambient Monitoring CMHUN	2000 - 1 partial suite	Selenium (total) µg/L	20 (A&Ww acute)	<5 - 22	1 of 1		Lab reporting limits for 4 other selenium samples were too high to use results for assessment.
A&Ww, FC, FBC, AgL				2.0 (A&Ww chronic)	<5 - 22	1 of 1		addesonioni.
	Summary Row A&Ww Inconclusive	2000 1 sampling event	Selenium (total) µg/L	20 (A&Ww acute)	<5 - 22	1 of 1 event (in 2000)	Inconclusive	Insufficient monitoring data to assess. Placed on the Planning List due to
	FC Inconclusive FBC Inconclusive AgL Inconclusive			2 (A&Ww chronic)	<5 - 22	1 of 1 event	Inconclusive	selenium exceedance.
Lake Havasu AZL15030101-0590 A&Ww, FC, FBC, DWS, AgI, AgL	ADEQ Lakes Program Dam Site, Parker Dam CMHAV-A 100098	1998 - 1 partial suite 2000 - 1 partial suite 2001 - 3 full suites 2002 - 1 partial suite	Selenium (total) µg/L	2.0 (A&Ww chronic)	<0.002 - 4	1 of 7		
	ADEQ Lakes Program CMHAV-B	1998 - 1 full suite 2000 - 2 full suites 2001 - 4 full suites 2002 - 1 full suite	Mercury (dissolved) µg/L	0.01 (A&Ww chronic)	<0.5 - 0.8	1 of 1		
	100102		Mercury (total) μg/L	0.6 (FC)	<0.5 - 0.8	1 of 8		
			Selenium (total) µg/L	2.0 (A&Ww chronic)	<2 - 3	1 of 5		
	ADEQ Lakes Program CMHAV-C	1998 - 1 full suite 2001 - 4 full suites 2002 - 1 full suite	Mercury (dissolved) µg/L	0.01 (A&Ww chronic)	<0.5 - 0.7	1 of 1		Laboratory reporting limit for 3 other seleni samples was too high to use results for
	100099		Mercury (total) μg/L	0.6 (FC)	<0.5 - 0.7	1 of 6		assessment.
			Selenium (dissolved) µg/L	2.0 (A&Ww chronic - total)	<2 - 3	1 of 4		Dissolved selenium data compared to total selenium standard.
	ADEQ Lakes Program Colorado River CMHAV-CRA 100101	1998 - 1 full suite 2000 - 2 full suites 2001 - 2 full suites 2002 - 1 full suite	No exceedances					
	ADEQ Lakes Program Marina CMHAV-MARA 100167	2000 - 1 full suite 2001 - 1 full suite	No exceedances					

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WATERBODY ID DESIGNATED USES	SITE CODE ADEQ DATABASE ID	TYPE OF SAMPLES	PARAMETER UNITS	STANDARD DESIGNATED USE	RANGE OF RESULTS	FREQUENCY EXCEEDED	DESIGNATED USE SUPPORT	COMMENTS
	Mohave County Health Dept 13 sites: Body Beach Cattail Cove Crazy Horse Beach London Bridge, East Beach London Bridge, West Beach Nautical Inn Beach Rotary Beach, North Rotary Beach, South Sandpoint Marina South Channel Up River Windsor #4 Windsor Cove	2000 - 27 E. coli 2001 - 18 E. coli 2002 - 15 E. coli	Escherichia coli CFU	235 (FBC)	<1 - 2419	1 of 60 sampling events (occurred at Nautical Inn Beach in 2000)		Nautical Inn Beach is located in Thomps Bay.
	Mohave County Health Dept 13 sites: Bass Bay Bighorn Point Friendly Island Frog Point Partners Point Pilot Rock Rocky landing Satellite Cove Solitude Cove Standard Wash Cove Steamboat Cove Three Dunes Cove Wren Cove	2000 - 6 E. coli 2001 - 2 E. coli 2002 - 4 E. coli	Escherichia coli CFU	235 (FBC)	<1 - 501	2 of 12 sampling events 1 at Bass Bay (368 CFU) in 2000 1 at Standard Wash Cove (501 CFU) in 2002		Bass Bay is approximately 10 miles sou Thompson Bay. Standard Wash Cove is approximately miles south of Thompson Bay.
	Mohave County Health Dept North Channel	2001 - 18 <i>E. coli</i> 2002 - 15 <i>E. coli</i>						
	Summary Row A&Ww Inconclusive FC Attaining FBC Inconclusive	1998 - 2002 1077 samples	Escherichia coli CFU/100ml	235 FBC	<1 - 2419	3 sites with 1 exceedance: 1 of 60 events 1 of 12 events 1 of 12 events	Inconclusive	ADEQ collected 108 samples at 33 si 1998-2002. Field and Escherichia col samples only were collected at 28 of 33 sites. These 28 sites are not show this table. No exceedances were four
	DWS Attaining AgI Attaining AgL Attaining		Mercury (dissolved) µg/L	0.01 (A&Ww chronic)	<0.5 - 0.8	2 of 12 samples 1 of 4 events	Inconclusive	Mohave County also collected 969 Escherichia coli samples at 27 sites
			Mercury (total) µg/L	0.6 (FC)	<0.5 - 0.8	2 of 27	Attaining	Assessed as "attaining some uses" a placed on the Planning List due to mercury, selenium, and <i>Escherichia</i> exceedances.
			Selenium (total) μg/L	2 (A&Ww chronic)	<2 - 3	3 of 24 samples 1 of 7 events	Inconclusive	Escherichia coli exceedances were r combined because single exceedand occurred at widely separated beache

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WATERBODY ID DESIGNATED USES	SITE CODE ADEQ DATABAS	TYPE OF	PARAMETER UNITS	STANDARD DESIGNATED USE	RANGE OF RESULTS	FREQUENCY EXCEEDED	DESIGNATED USE SUPPORT	COMMENTS	
Mittry Lake AZ15030107-0950 A&w, FC, FBC	ADEQ Lakes Program CMMIT-A 101352	m 2002 - 1 partial suite	No exceedances						
	Summary Row A&Ww Inconc FC Inconc FBC Inconc	lusive 1 sampling event	No exceedances					Insufficient monitoring data to assess.	
Painted Rock Borrow Pit Lake AZL15070201-1010 A&Ww, FC, FBC, AgI, AgL	USFWS Routine Mor LGPRL	suites 2000 - 1 full + 2	Ammonia mg/L	varies with pH and temperature (A&Ww chronic)	0.4 - 0.68	1 of 7			
		partial suites 2001 - 1 full suite 2002 - 0 (Dry)	Dissolved oxygen mg/L	>6.0 (90% saturation) (A&Ww)	1.8 - 13.8	5 of 8			
			pH (high) SU	6.5-9.0 (A&Ww, FBC, AgI, AgL)	7.1 - 9.8	1 of 8		USFWS collected 9 samples in 1999-2002. Assessed as "impaired" due to pesticides in fish tissue and low dissolved oxygen. "EPA placed this lake on the 2002 303(d) List because DDT metabolites, toxaphene and chlordane in fish tissue lead to a fish consumption advisory. Once listed, the lake cannot be delisted until a TMDL is complete or sufficient data are collected to indicate these parameters are no longer a concern in fish tissue (fish consumption advisory is removed). On the 303(d) List since 1992 for low dissolved oxygen. Although current dissolved oxygen data are inconclusive, the lake cannot be delisted until a TMDL is complete or dissolved oxygen data indicate designated uses are being attained.	
	Summary Row A&Ww Impaire FC Impaire FBC Incone AgI Incone AgL Incone	ed* lusive lusive	Ammonia mg/L	varies with pH and temperature (A&Ww chronic)	0.4 - 0.68	1 of 7 samples 1 of 7 events	Inconclusive		
			Dissolved oxygen mg/L	6.0 (90% saturation) (A&Ww)	1.8 - 13.8	5 of 8	Inconclusive (Impaired)		
	SU`´´ (A&Ww, FBC	6.5-9.0 (A&Ww, FBC, AgI, AgL)	7.1 - 9.8	1 of 8	Inconclusive	Placed on the Planning List due to exceedances of ammonia and pH standards and missing core parameters: total boron, <i>Escherichia coli</i> , dissolved metals (cadmium, copper, and zinc), and total metals (mercury, manganese, copper, and lead). Note that the lake was dry in 2002.			

Table 10. COLORADO-LOWER GILA WATERSHED — ASSESSMENT, PLANNING LIST, AND 303(d) STATUS TABLE										
SURFACE WATER DESCRIPTION	2004 ASSESSMENT 5-CATEGORIES LAKE TROPHIC STATUS	2004 PLANNING LIST	STATUS OF 2002 303(d) LIST RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2004 LIST	OTHER INFORMATION						
COLORADO-LOWER GILA WATERSHED - STREAM ASSESSMENTS										
Colorado River Hoover Dam - Lake Mohave 40 miles AZ15030101-015	A&Wc Impaired FC Inconclusive FBC Inconclusive DWS Inconclusive AgI Inconclusive AgL Inconclusive Category 5 – Impaired	On the Planning List due to <u>missing core parameters</u> : Escherichia coli, total arsenic, total boron, total fluoride, and total metals (chromium, copper, lead, manganese, and mercury).	Add selenium to the 303(d) List due to chronic selenium exceedances (4 of 26 sampling events).							
Colorado River Bill Williams River - Osborne Wash 13 miles AZ15030104-020	A&Ww Inconclusive FC Attaining FBC Attaining DWS Attaining Agl Attaining AgL Attaining Category 2 – Attaining Some Uses	On the Planning List due to <u>chronic selenium</u> exceedance (1 of 20 sampling events).								
Colorado River Indian Wash - Imperial Dam 18 miles AZ15030104-001	A&Ww Inconclusive FC Attaining FBC Attaining DWS Attaining Agl Attaining AgL Attaining Category 2 Attaining Some Uses	On the Planning List due to <u>suspended sediment</u> <u>concentration</u> (SSC) geometric mean exceedance (1 of 3 annual geo. means).								
Colorado River Main Canal - Mexico border 32 miles AZ15030107-001	A&Ww Inconclusive FC Attaining FBC Attaining DWS Attaining Agl Attaining AgL Attaining Category 2 Attaining Some Uses	On the Planning List due to: 1. Chronic DDE exceedance (1 of 23 sampling events). 2. Chronic dieldrin exceedance (1 of 23 sampling events). 3. Chronic selenium exceedance (1 of 21 sampling events). 4. Suspended sediment concentration (SSC) geometric mean exceedance (1 of 5 annual geo. means).								
Colorado River, <u>unnamed tributary</u> near Thumb Butte headwaters - Colorado River 11 miles AZ15030101-560	A&We Inconclusive PBC Inconclusive Category 3 Inconclusive	On the Planning List due to insufficient monitoring data to assess (only 1 sample).								
Gila River Coyote Wash - Fortuna Wash 28 miles AZ15070201-003	A&Ww Impaired FC Attaining FBC Attaining AgI Impaired AgL Attaining Category 5 – Impaired		Add boron to the 303(d) List due to boron exceedances in 5 of 20 samples. Add selenium to the 303(d) List due to chronic selenium exceedances in 5 of 20 sampling events.							

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SURFACE WATER DESCRIPTION	2004 ASSESSMENT 5-CATEGORIES LAKE TROPHIC STATUS	2004 PLANNING LIST	STATUS OF 2002 303(d) LIST RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2004 LIST	OTHER INFORMATION						
COLORADO-LOWER GILA WATERSHED – LAKE ASSESSMENTS										
Hunter's Hole 17 acres AZL15030108-0660	A&Ww Inconclusive FC Inconclusive FBC Inconclusive AgL Inconclusive Category 3 – Inconclusive Trophic status not calculated	On the Planning List due to: 1. Insufficient monitoring data to assess (only 1 sample). 2. Acute and chronic selenium exceedance (1 of 1 sampling event).								
Lake Havasu 16,122 acres AZL15030101-0590	A&Ww Inconclusive FC Attaining FBC Inconclusive DWS Attaining AgI Attaining AgL Attaining Category 2 Attaining Some Uses Trophic status Oligotrophic	On the Planning List due to: 1. Chronic mercury exceedance (1 of 4 sampling events). 2. Chronic selenium exceedance (1 of 7 sampling events). 3. Escherichia coli exceedances (1 exceedance at 3 sites). (Note that the Escherichia coli exceedances are being assessed separately because the monitoring sites with exceedances were approximately 5 miles apart on the lake. Only 1 exceedance in the last 3 years at any site.)								
Lake Mohave 12,850 acres AZL15030101-0960	A&Wc Inconclusive FC Inconclusive FBC Inconclusive DWS Inconclusive AgI Inconclusive AgL Inconclusive Category 3 Inconclusive Trophic status Oligotrophic	On the Planning List. Added in 2002 due to missing core parameters (no current monitoring data).								
Mittry Lake 384 acres AZL15030107-0950	A&Ww Inconclusive FC Inconclusive FBC Inconclusive Category 3 – Inconclusive Trophic status not calculated	On the Planning List due to insufficient monitoring data to assess (only 1 sample).								
Painted Rock Borrow Pit Lake 186 acres AZL15070201-1010	A&Ww Impaired FC Impaired FBC Inconclusive AgI Inconclusive AgL Inconclusive Category 5 – Impaired Trophic status not calculated	On the Planning List due to: 1. Chronic ammonia exceedance (1 of 7 sampling events). 2. pH exceedance (1 of 8 samples). 3. Missing core parameters: total boron, Escherichia coli, total metals (mercury, manganese, lead, and copper), and dissolved metals (copper, cadmium, and zinc).	EPA placed this reach on the 2002 303(d) List because DDT metabolites, toxaphene, and chlordane in fish tissue led to a fish consumption advisory. EPA's listing was based on violation of narrative water quality standards. Arizona's Impaired Water Identification Rule requires adoption of narrative implementation policy before the state may use narrative information in a listing decision, but once listed, the lake cannot be delisted until a TMDL is complete or sufficient data are collected to indicate that these pesticides are no longer a concern in fish tissue (e.g., fish consumption advisory removed). ADEQ is currently collecting fish tissue data in support of completing a TMDL. On the 303(d) List since 1992 for low dissolved oxygen. Although current dissolved oxygen data are inconclusive, the reach cannot be delisted until a TMDL is complete or dissolved oxygen data indicate that designated uses are being attained.	These pesticides do not stay in an aqueous state and bioaccumulate rapidly up the food chain. Additionally, most lab reporting limits are not low enough to assess standards; therefore, lack of exceedances in the water column does not provide sufficient information about pesticide problems in the stream.						
			Delist fecal coliform. Standard was repealed in 2002. Placed on the Planning List for Escherichia coli monitoring (replaced fecal coliform standard).							